

**CRITICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING
SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Academic Year 2006-07**

Need-based student financial aid provides access for students who, without such assistance, could not afford to attend the University. Merit-based aid recognizes and rewards student talent and promise and positions the University to compete for highest-achieving students, without regard to need. Both are important sources for the recruitment and retention of undergraduate and graduate/professional students at the University.

The Office of Scholarships and Student Aid, the Office of Institutional Research, and the Faculty Committee on Scholarships, Awards and Student Aid will continue to perform research and examine the following questions throughout the 2006-07 academic year:

Policy Questions Addressed:

1. How many more students will likely need financial aid under different enrollment growth scenarios, and in what types and amounts?
2. How will likely tuition and fee increases impact the need for additional grant aid, and for whom?
3. What is the impact of the Carolina Covenant™ on low-income student recruitment, performance, and retention?
4. What effect did the legislatively authorized “out-of-state full scholarship provision” have on the recruitment of high-achieving non-resident students?
5. How are graduate students funded, and how adequately are they served by institutional and federal programs?
6. How do students of all income levels pay for education at Carolina?
7. How are middle-income students faring at Carolina, given recent tuition increases?